

## **TGMI Steering Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2004**

**Members Present:** Chuck Holland, Donna Duarte, Marty Toth, Kathy Hartman, Carolyn Wilson, Mike Travis (by phone)

**Members Absent:** Cindy Saladin, Julie Perrey, Teresa Bullington

#### **Old Business:**

- The June 13, 2004 Steering Committee Meeting minutes were read and discussed and approved. It was determined that minutes would wait to be sent to members after approval and not before.
- Chuck reported the Newsletter committee would be contacting members for additional articles. If anyone knows of promotions, retirements, marriages, babies, etc, contact your class newsletter representative and let them know.
- Brown Bag report: Julie said the Brown Bag at Tricor was a huge success. There were about 40 members there and that was one of the largest brown bags to date. There was lunch and then a tour of Tricor. Another BB will occur sometime in September at the Department of Labor & Workforce development. Donna will schedule another lunch at the Farmers' Market sometime in late August or September.
- Fall Conference Committee report: The conference planning is coming along well with speakers committed and the logistics being taken care of. Most of the committees are busy working and there will be more specific details to the committee as the conference approaches.
- Holiday Event Report: Mike Travis reserved Ellington Agricultural Center for Friday, December 3 as a back up. Suggestions are welcome for ideas as to location. Julie Perrey has two alumni volunteers to assist her for that occasion.
- Bylaws report: Kathy Hartman reported a discussion on communication within the ranks of the membership. This appears to have been a problem since inception and will continue to be a challenge which will grow if we don't get a handle on it now. The reason for the discussion of this topic during the discussion was the matter of how to make all members aware of the suggested changes to the bylaws. How do we educate and allow all members to have an informed vote if we can't get the info out there. Donna will talk to Cindy Saladin about dissemination of information. Attached to these minutes will be the suggestion of changes to the bylaws as recommended by the bylaws committee. Two areas being looked at are increasing the number of members or at least to have an avenue within the bylaws to address increasing the number of members. The other area is to address tiebreakers within the voting structure; currently this topic is not discussed in the bylaws.  
Because the discussion was so lengthy at this meeting, it was suggested that all steering committee members will need to be present at the next meeting to have a discussion about the bylaws.
- Since this topic was tabled from the meeting before, we will be discussing voting for the Vice-Chair and At-Large member at the fall conference during the September meeting.

The next meeting will occur on **September 14 at THDA on the 12th<sup>1</sup> flr conference room.**